

Term Grazing Permit Renewals



Elko District:

Currently has 238 Grazing Allotments

Currently has 193 Grazing Permits

Permits are issued for 10 years

Permits are Attached to Base Property

Permit have Terms and Conditions

Permitted Livestock Include: Cattle, Sheep and Horses



Applicable Laws:

- Taylor Grazing Act 1934
- Wilderness Act 1964
- National Historic Preservation Act 1966
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act 1968
- National Environmental Policy Act 1970
- Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act 1971
- Clean Water Act 1972
- Endangered Species Act 1973
- Federal Land Policy and Management Act 1976
- Public Rangelands Improvement Act 1978



1999 Combs Wash Decision

All grazing permits must conform to with all applicable laws, regulations, and land use plans and that the permit also be fully supported by applicable NEPA analysis

Standards and Guidelines

A determination be completed on attainment of the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health

Appropriations Language

Congress has given BLM appropriation language to renew expiring permits with no changes to terms and condition or practices.



STANDARD 1. Upland Sites:

Upland soils exhibit infiltration and permeability rates that are appropriate to soil type, climate and land form.



STANDARD 2. Riparian and Wetland Sites:

Riparian and wetland areas exhibit a properly functioning condition and achieve state water quality criteria



STANDARD 3. Habitat:

Habitats exhibit a healthy, productive and diverse population of native and/or desirable plant species, appropriate to the site characteristics, to provide suitable feed, water, cover and living space for animal species and maintain ecological processes. Habitat conditions meet the life cycle requirements of threatened and endangered species.



STANDARD 4. Cultural Resources:

Land use plans will recognize cultural resources within the context of multiple use.



STANDARD 5. Healthy Wild Horse and Burro Populations:

Wild horses and burros exhibit characteristics of a healthy, productive and diverse population. Age structure and sex ratios are appropriate to maintain the long term viability of the population as a distinct group. Herd management areas are able to provide suitable feed, water, cover and living space for wild horses and burros and maintain historic patterns of habitat use.



Permit Renewal Process

- Monitoring/Data Collection
- Scoping
- Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessment
- Environmental Assessment
- Final Standards and Guidelines Assessment
- Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)
- Proposed Decision
- Final Decision



Typical Issues To Consider

- Carrying Capacity
- Grazing System
- Range Improvements
- Season of Use
- Wildlife Issues
- Riparian Management
- Wild Horse Management
- Cultural Issues
- Overall Watershed Health



Current Standards and Guideline Assessments

<http://on.doi.gov/elkoGrazing>

Currently Available: Standards and Guideline Assessments

Spanish Ranch/Andrae Allotment

Cotant Seeding/Mexican
Field

Badlands & Goshute
Mountain

Snow Water Lake &
Warm Creek

